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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (VANCOUVER 0543 VICE OTTAWA 4991)

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EMIN, PINS, BL, CA

SUBJECT: INFORMATION REQUEST ON CANADIAN COMPANY: ASHLING
INVESTMENTS LTD.

REF: LA PAZ 3337

1. AS STATED IN REFTTEL, ASHLING INVESTMENTS LTD. IS
LOCATED AT 1055 WEST HASTINGS STREET AND WE FOUND THAT
IT SHARES HALF THE SECOND FLOOR WITH ASHLING MULTI-MEDIA
CANADA LTD. (MOTION PICTURE DISTRIBUTORS). TO DATE, WE
HAVE UNCOVERED NO REPEAT NO INFORMATION LOCALLY ON THE
FIRM AND IT IS UNKNOWN TO THE BRITISH COLUMBIA - YUKON
CHAMBER OF MINES. THERE IS A TELEPHONE DIRECTLY LISTING IN
THE NAME OF GUILLERMO CROSBY AT 59 WALLACE PLACE, DELTA,
B.C. (A VANCOUVER SUBURB), TELEPHONE (804) 943 X 8610. IT
IS NOT REPEAT NOT KNOWN IF THIS IS THE SAME PERSON. CONGEN
REQUESTED D AND B REPORT ON FIRM BUT LACK OF RESPONSE TO
DATE INDICATES NO INFORMATION MAY BE AVAILABLE.

2. IN COINCIDENTAL DEVELOPMENT, LOCAL PRESS OF JUNE 8 AND
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9 HAS FRONT-PAGED MAY 27 RCMP ARREST OF ONE PETER JOSEPH
JAMES KENNEDY IDENTIFIED AS THE PRINCIPAL OFFICER IN
CANADA OF ASHLING INVESTMENT LTD. OF VANCOUVER AND
AMSTERDAM. DESCRIBED AS A "MYSTERY IRISHMAN", PRESS
REPORTS THAT RCMP BELIEVE KENNEDY TO BE JAMES (POSSIBLE
DEREK) JOSEPH MCCANN LINKED TO INTERNATIONAL GUN-RUNNING
FOR HE IRA. RCMP OFFICER IS QUOTED BY PRESS AS SAYING

MCCANN IS WANTED BY SCOTLAND YARD FOR FRAUD, BY BELFAST POLICE FOR ARSON, BURGLARY AND POSSESSION OF EXPLOSIVES AND BY POLICE IN WEST GERMANY FOR ATTEMPTED MURDER IN CONNECTION WITH A BOMB ATTACK ON BRITISH OFFICES THERE IN 1973.

3. KENNEDY, ACCORDING TO PRESS, INSISTS HE IS ONLY A BUSINESSMAN WHO HAS BEEN INTERESTED IN MAKING A FILM ABOUT THE IRISH CONFLICT, ALTHOUGH HE ALSO REPORTEDLY CLAIMS HE

WAS SHOT AND WOUNDED BY BRITISH INTELLIGENCE AGENTS PURSUING HIM IN BELGIUM AND HOLLAND IN 1973.

4. PRESS CLIPPINGS BEING MAILED TO EUR/CAN FOR ANY APPROPRIATE DISTRIBUTION. LUPPI

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